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PRESS RELEASE

Winter Texans brave cold for Adopt-A-Beach cleanup

Volunteers remove 1,650 pounds of trash from South Padre beaches

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AUSTIN — Winter Texans who can't stand to see trash on Texas beaches did more than just complain Friday - 36 volunteers removed more than 1,650 pounds of the stuff from Edwin Atwood Park.

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Winter Texan Beach Cleanup drew volunteers from Minnesota, Michigan, Colorado, New Mexico, Wisconsin and Iowa. The volunteers braved a windy, cold day with highs in the 40 and cloudy skies.

Odd and unusual items found included a toy soldier, a pair of boxer shorts and a butcher knife.

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Winter Texan Beach Cleanup is one of three all-volunteer seasonal cleanups coordinated by the Adopt-A-Beach Program of the Texas General Land Office. It is part of an all-volunteer effort that has partnered with Cameron County Parks to remove trash from Texas beaches and waterways and to increase public awareness of the problems of marine debris and beach litter.

As volunteers clean up beaches they record data to learn more about the causes of marine debris and to help mitigate pollution along Texas' 367 miles of coastline. Since 1986, the program has successfully removed more than 7,900 tons of debris, with the help of over 406,000 Adopt-a-Beach Volunteers.

For additional information on the Winter Texan Beach Cleanup and the Adopt-A-Beach program, or to participate in the next cleanup visit www.texasadoptabeach.org. You may also call the Texas General Land Office toll free at 1-877-TXCOAST.

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